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SUBJECT: IRAN: FCO QUIETLY URGES PRESSURE ON GERMANS FOR EU
DESIGNATION OF IRANIAN BANKS, DISCUSSES NEW UK TOOLS
AGAINST IRAN

REF: A. USEU DAILY TO DEPT 12/10/08 (NOTAL) B. EMB LONDON (GAYLE) EMAIL TO NEA/IR 12/10/08 (NOTAL) C. LONDON 2798

Classified By: Political Counselor Rick Mills for reasons (b) and (d)

[11](#). (S/NF) Summary: Germany has deep political reservations over bank designations proposed against Iran under the EU's Common Policy, and i
[12](#). (S/NF) This FCO contact also sketched some of the political background to the newly passed UK counterterrorism bill (ref c), the implemer
Iranian Banks for Designation

[13](#). (S/NF) FCO Iran Coordination Group Team Leader Will Gelling (strictly protect) on December 10 passed to Poloff the names of several Iranie
[14](#). (S/NF) Gelling had met with E4 reps December 8 in Brussels where, Gelling said, there was serious German resistance to further bank desigr
UK and France Will Lobby All Other EU Members Individually -----

[15](#). (S/NF) Gelling said UK and France, given Germany's stance, and keenly aware the clock is running on the Iran nuclear issue, plan to do eve
USG Please Share With Germans Anything You Have on These Banks -----

[16](#). (S/NF) Gelling said any additional intelligence on the banks proposed for designation USG can provide would help, even if it is not decis

[17](#). (S/NF) In describing German intransigence and possible division within the German government, Gelling harkened back to an Iran-focused mee

[18](#). (S/NF) Gelling argued that Germans in many ministries now have deep-seated political objections to further bank designations; he argued f
Embassy Comment

[19](#). (S/NF) Gelling, a frequent interlocutor who leads the FCO Multilateral Team on Iran, claimed several times to be speaking somewhat "out c

[110](#). (S/NF) The FCO suggestion of pressure on the Germans may have been passed to the U.S. as an informal suggestion from the FCO working leve
HMG's New CT Bill: A Tool Against Iran with Unexplored Potential -----

[111](#). (S/NF) In response to Poloff's questions about when or how HMG might begin to implement the broad new financial sanctions powers codified
Beyond Law: Jaw-Boning UK Companies on Iran Oil Investment -----

[112](#). (S/NF) Gelling added that HMG, though it is exploring all the new legal tools it may have available to raise pressure on Iran, is simulta
Comment

[113](#). (S/NF) The above information on HMG jaw-boning of UK companies active in Iran is a far stronger statement of activist intent in this are
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